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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted to identify the States as drought affected; and

(b) the reasons for the exclusion of Kerala from the list of the drought affected States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): In terms of the provisions of their Land Revenue Acts or Relief Codes, etc., therespective State Governments are required to declare drought when the conditions laid in that behalf in the relevant Act/Code are met.

(b): The Government of Kerala have recently declared 40 taluks in 10 districts of the State as affected by drought.